

Hatchery Fest 2004

Jordan River National Fish Hatchery hosted its "1st Annual Hatchery Fest" on Saturday, September 18th. Over 140 visitors passed through the five hour event. Michigan DNR staff from Oden State Fish Hatchery and the Bellaire Forest Management Fire Unit staffed displays and assisted with kid's games. Smokey the Bear also made an appearance.



Michigan Department of Environmental Quality staff presented a surface water runoff model titled "EnviroScape", which was a popular stop for visitors.

US Fish & Wildlife Service staff from Pendills Creek National Fish Hatchery, the Alpena Fishery Resource Office and Seney National Wildlife Refuge, along with Jordan River staff provided information at the various interpretive displays and worked the kid's games.



Hayride tours of the hatchery grounds were a very popular attraction. Of course, the children's games and various door prize donations were enjoyed by all. Thanks, to all the volunteers and sponsors who helped make the event possible. Jordan River NFH is already planning for next year's event. Jordan River NFH hopes to advance the mission of the "Service" through the future leaders of natural resource conservation and management, our children. Thanks again to everyone!

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